

Doing Canada A Service

Financial Times of London Gives Dominion Mail Publication

Canada has a very good friend in the Financial Times of London. It is daily with the largest circulation of any financial journal in the world. On a number of occasions during the last few years it has devoted a great deal of attention to this Dominion and Canadian affairs under all heads. Such well-known financial experts as Mr. Anthony McMillan and Mr. Keith Morris, both thoroughly conversant with this country, have paid true tributes to our progress and have pointed out that possibilities for investment here are practically unlimited. Not long ago the journal in question devoted a large supplement devoted to "Canadian Resources" and it has just completed a second on this series. It is a thirty-two page affair and has been produced under the editorship of Mr. R. J. Barrett, the supplement giving a comprehensive survey of the position of Canada in all its outstanding aspects. It contains articles by Hon. Charles Stewart, Hon. James Macdonald, Mr. E. W. Beatty, Sir Henry Thornton and other well-known public men and commercial leaders. In this way the editor makes the Dominion the focus of the world's view of the Canadian world. It is in striking contrast with some of those expressed by political partisans to this country.—Victoria Times.

Shopping At Home

Marked Shrinkage Shown In Trade Of Mail Order Houses

Those who have followed the mail order business in the past few years have been aware of the falling off of this type of merchandising. The advent of good roads, motor buses, automobiles, etc., has enabled the farmer to move rapidly at small cost, so that instead of making purchases by mail he is doing his buying elsewhere. It may be a somewhat daring prediction, but it seems as if the days of the mail order business are numbered. If reports are true there has already been a marked shrinkage in the trade of the mail order houses. People are learning that it is not altogether satisfactory to buy a pig in a poke. The auto has made it easy for people in the country to drive to a town or city and see what they are buying, and this is becoming more of a custom. The more aggressive attitude of town merchants offers opportunities and satisfaction to the housewives who enjoy chasing bargains. The advertisements in the local weeklies are permeated with as much zest as used to be the case with the "ads" of the city department stores.

It will soon be superfluous to appeal to people to shop at home. More than one visitor here has stated that they can shop to better advantage, in some things, in the small town rather than in the city. The town merchants should be awake to the opportunity that the change in public sentiment brings to them.—Lansdown Press.

Seedless Cucumbers In B.C.

Production of a comparatively seedless cucumber is claimed by J. B. Steele, operator of a market greenhouse at Hazelton, B.C., by a process in which he has been especially successful. The cucumbers are protected from bees, attain a phenomenal growth, and produce very little seed.

Collection Governed Scraps Said the collector: "I have had many complaints lately about the length of my scraps. Hereafter the collection will be governed by the number of lines I begin to talk. The smaller the collection the longer the scraps."

"When your husband is going to be a politician?"

"What else can he do? He is no good at business!"—Pole Mite, Paris.

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ANOTHER WORM TURNS

Railway Company Presents Automobile With Bill For Damages

Last November Tony Straker, of Chicago, driving his nice new automobile, disputed the right-of-way over a level crossing with a Grand Trunk Railway train. Tony was wrong, but his car landed in a sorry pile, and never was much good thereafter.

All over Canada and the United States automobiles have been doing this thing persistently, even though with remarkably small success. We do not recall any instance where an automobile got the better of a steam locomotive. The results of such encounters are written with deadly monotony in terms of dead and injured. Not many are as fortunate as Tony, who lost only his property.

At any rate Tony scrambled out of the ditch and proceeded to tell the engineer a few things about his feelings and the Grand Trunk no harm. Now the railway company has got in a last word. It has sent Tony a bill for \$28.18 for damage done to the locomotive, and the procedure seems to be about to be resumed.

We find extreme difficulty in working up very much indignation over the peevishness of the automobile at rural level crossings. Literally every accident at such a place is preventable by the simple exercise of No. 88, of the Department of Agriculture, which is free, described practically from its fixed course to pursue an even and straight line up the road. The motorist can prevent level-crossing accidents and he—she—only by going to a full stop in time.

The driver who approaches an unprotected crossing in anything but absolute certainty that there is no train approaching is flirting with sudden death.

General adherence by the railways to the procedure set by the Grand Trunk might not be without effect.—Ottawa Journal.

No Question About It

Prince Of Wales Says His Neck Is Not His Own

The disregard the Prince of Wales has for his own person was revealed in an incident at a recent hunt meeting. The Prince arrived at the meeting by automobile, and wishing to escape the crowds parked his motor car at a farm some distance away. Curiously enough, he was not recognized by his name, and when, after the meeting, Wales went to claim the automobile the following conversation took place: "You've been to the steeplechase, I reckon," said the farmer. The Prince answered: "Prince of Wales was riding," they tell me," said the farmer. The Prince assented.

"Did he win?" asked the farmer. "No," said the Prince, "he had a fall."

"Did he fall," said the farmer, "one of these days he'll break his neck, you mark my words."

"Well," replied the Prince, "it's his own neck; so it doesn't matter, does it?"

Is World's Greatest Linguist

The greatest linguist living might be Sir George Grierson, who has just completed the monumental linguistic survey of India, on which he has been engaged for 25 years. A few days ago he was entertained in London by the Royal Asiatic Society. Lord Birkhead, proposing the toast "The Survey," said: "Sir George will never lack conversational material, being acquainted, as he is with 179 languages and 504 dialects."

Sculptures In Soap

Sculptures in soap are being shown at the Anderson Galleries, New York. This is the fourth annual exhibition of such work. There are 4,000 statues of soap carved by professional sculptors as well as amateurs from all parts of the United States, Canada, France and China.

Latest Customer: "I want a neat and trim-looking pair of shoes, that they must have plenty of room in them."

Selman: "Yes, I know just the kind you want—large inside but small outside."

"Is there anything simpler," the Detroit News plaintively asks, "than an empty fountain pen?" Well, out of the country a mile from any where, there is the empty gasoline tank.

Why does the man with a pie appetite seldom have a pie stomach?

To insure a good time wherever you go, take it with you.

The Sap-Sucking Insects

These Pests Can Be Eradicated Only By Applying A Spray

Some of the most troublesome insects of the garden take their food from the leaves and tender stems. These include the plant louse, white flies, and scale insects. Pests usually used for insects will not kill these sucking creatures, which can be exterminated only by applying a spray to their bodies. Mr. Arthur Gibson, the Dominion entomologist, in his new bulletin on "Insects of the Flower Garden," recommends three principal mixtures, kerosene emulsion, whale oil soap, or fish oil soap and tobacco extract. The kerosene emulsion is the most difficult to prepare and the method of doing so is clearly explained in the bulletin. The soap preparations are used at a strength of one pound to four gallons of water for brown or black aphids, and one pound to six gallons of water for green plant lice, so frequently seen on rose bushes. The tobacco extracts are offered in seed stores and sometimes in other stores in the form of a liquid. The tobacco extract is sold as Black-66. This is effective when applied at the rate of about two pounds to four gallons of water, or in small quantities to two teaspoons to a gallon of water with a little soap added. Mr. Gibson's bulletin, No. 88, of the Department of Agriculture, which is free, described practically all of the insects that trouble a flower garden and gives illustrations of the insects themselves and of the harm they do.

First Horses Were Small

No Larger Than Cats, and Had Four Teeth, Say Authorities

The first horses in the world were as small as cats, according to the Field Museum authorities. They are referred to scientifically as "eoliphus," which means "dawn horse." According to the authorities, the earliest ones existed about 35,000,000 years ago. The cast of the skull of one of the animals, found in the Wyoming bad lands, and a model of the animal itself, are exhibited at the museum. While the modern horse, as we know it, closely resembles eoliphus, there were several differences. For one thing, the horse of age and had four teeth.

Check Horses Three Heads

On the Baptist Church at Huntington, Conn., there is a steeple clock with four faces, and every one of these faces has three heads, not two. The reason for this is that Connecticut is officially on standard time, but the citizens of Huntington have decided to observe standard time on their hands point to standard time on each face of the clock and a red hand points to daylight saving time.

Don't waste your time trying to make a horse more intelligent by making it body and how much it talks.

NEW NATIONAL PARK



Prince Albert National Park, in the northern part of Saskatchewan, is to be opened officially on the afternoon of August 10th, by Prime Minister Sir. Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King, who will be present with a cottage on beautiful Lake Wabowagan. The park covers 1,400 square miles which comprises the new playground embrace many lakes and streams abounding in fish and game. All the scenic and other requirements which are demanded by the holiday-maker.

The park is most easily reached by way of the Canadian National Railway to Prince Albert and from there by motor road. Wabowagan Lake, more than the opening festivities will be the main attraction. The park is located in place, lies about 100 miles north of Prince Albert and the road into it will be completed in plenty of time for the holiday-maker. The programme is being planned by the committee and special housing arrangements are being made. In addition to the Prince Minister, many men prominent in the public eye of Canada will attend the opening on August 10. Map by Canadian National Railway.

How Fabrics Were Made

Romance Is Attached To Materials In Common Use

How many people are aware of the romance that lurks in the names of fabrics?

Cotton is the Arabic quip. Calico is corrupted from Calicut, in India. Muslin is from Mosul, whence it was first exported, though nearly all of the cotton muslins now are Indian; Seaforth gives us chintz; singham is a Malayan word; nainsook is Hindustani; Jaconet is from the town Jaconet, near Calcutta.

Of the silk, damask, of course, is shortened from "Damascus" pattern from the Persian word damask, which means both "to shine" and "to spin." Pugin is an interesting exception to Eastern derivation. He once would associate a curtain or dress material with the Pope, yet poplin really means a Papal cloth, for it was first made at the Papal town of Avignon, in France.

The most romantic name-chain of all is an Arabian prince with which it concerns a forgotten wardrobe article called tashy—what old Peps had on rose bushes. The fabric extracts are offered in seed stores and sometimes in other stores in the form of a liquid.

Arabs named the silk after a quarter of Baghdad, "Attab," in which it was first made. In its turn commenced "Attab" in Arabia. Prince. So from Prince Attab comes the word we use today for a cat skin which pattern and resembles the material—surely the strangest monument to any prince's memory!

Survey Of Sheep Ranches

Work To Be Undertaken In The Three Prairie Provinces

Under the direction of the National Research Council of Canada, a survey is being conducted in the three Prairie Provinces of the University of Alberta; Prof. A. M. Shaw, of the University of Saskatchewan, and W. H. C. Fildes, assistant manager of the Canadian Wool Growers' Association, has started a survey of sheep ranches in the three western provinces. A wide range of the material already the strongest monument to any prince's memory!

Just Slightly Mired

A bishop was walking in a rural part takes dinner, a last day, and stopped at a cottage to ask for a glass of water.

The old lady who brought it was very nervous, and to put her at ease the bishop said: "This is very beautiful water. Where do you get it?"

To which the flustered dame replied: "From the lord, my Pump!"

The Ottawa Journal makes the discovery that practically all the motor cars in the city are owned by the same man.

That holds the steering wheel.

A Tip To Farmers

Expert Advises Skim Milk and Tankage For Pigs

While pasture reduces the amount of feed supplement required for best results in feeding corn or barley to pigs, more rapid gains will be made and less feed required for gain if skim milk tankage, or a mixture of two parts of tankage to one part of oatmeal are fed with the corn or barley, according to Verne A. Frothingham, specialist of the animal husbandry department at the Michigan State College.

"Legumes and rape rank high as pasture for swine and even the grasses are good during the growing season," says Mr. Frothingham. "With good pasture, one pound of tankage or the recommended mixture of tankage and oatmeal, fed with about 25 pounds of corn or barley, reduces the feed required to produce a pound of gain and increases the rapidity of gain. It is much more desirable to feed a protein supplement and the saving from feeding it is greater when corn and barley are high in price, as is the case at present."

"Skim milk is the best protein supplement available and where corn is from one and a half to two pounds of skim milk to feed with each pound of grain. There is no need of tankage or any other high-protein supplement."

Self-Feeding Produces Select Hogs

Grade Higher Than Those That Were Fed By Hand

Contrary to usual expectations, hogs that were allowed to help themselves at the self-feeder, at the Indiana Experiment Station, produced more of the select bacon type than did those fed hand at regular intervals. In the report of the superintendent of the station for 1927, an experiment is outlined. Dry feed lots were used in which the hogs were fed eight hours of approximately equal weight. These hogs were fed the same grain ration as another lot of the same number and type fed by hand. At the end of 120 days the hogs were shipped to a packing plant where they were graded both on the hoof and in dressed condition. The self-fed hogs graded 62.5 per cent. on the hoof and 77.5 per cent. hung up on the rail, as compared with 55 per cent. of selects on the hoof and on the rail in hand fed lot.

The report, it was stated, may be obtained from the Director of Publicity, of the Department of Agriculture, at Ottawa, contains a table form details of this and many other experiments with swine and live stock and field and garden crops.

Fourteen Billion Pounds Of Milk

Value Of Dairy Products Over \$250,000,000

Production of milk in Canada last year amounted to 44 billion pounds, of which nearly 41 billion pounds is consumed as milk, about 1 billion pounds is used in creamery butter, 2 billion pounds in the manufacture of cheese, and over 21 billion pounds in other products.

The value of these dairy products according to the Dairy Branch of the Canadian Department of Agriculture is over \$250,000,000. Last year Canada had 3,893,313 milking cows, an increase of 25,120 over the previous year. Dairy products take second place as agricultural revenue producers, field crops leading with \$1,345,438,000. The total gross agricultural revenue for Canada in 1927 amounted to \$1,438,426,000, and the gross agricultural value, \$7,565,460,000.

New Method Suggested

A new method of butter cream sweet is being put into use in Scotland. In this process the cream is heated to 105 degrees Fahrenheit and then cooled to 55 or 60 degrees. It is said that the cream will stay sweet for six to ten days, depending upon the weather, and that it will stay sweet for several weeks if kept in a vacuum churn.

Rubber From Potatoes?

Will the potato prove to be the world's great source of rubber? The best synthetic rubber is about equal to the best grade of rubber tree rubber, but the way has been pointed out for improvement. "What is needed," says Dr. William Crookes, is a large supply of cheap amyl alcohol, which can be obtained from potatoes."

"You are growing. You are quite a little man."

"Yes, I already reach up to the hem of mother's skirt!"—Buenos Aires, Madrid.

Had Not Improved

"Less than two years ago," said the professional booster, with a wide sweep of his arms to include a new outlying area of his city, "this was all the land there was."

"Is that so?" said the visitor, who was somewhat artistic and had a taste of beauty, he looked over the shacks, pools of stagnant water, abandoned automobiles and so on. "Is that so?" "That's too bad."

Black: "If you were condemned to die, what kind of a death would you like?"

White: "Old age."

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